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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID NG UV
SUBJECT: FADA N'GOURMA ROAD

REF: STATE 31694

1. AID'S LIKELY INABILITY FUND FADA-N'GOURMA ROAD WILL BE DIASPPOINTMENT OF SOME MAGNITUDE FOR NIGER GOVERNMENT. NIGER HAD BEEN COUNTING ON ROAD FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC AND HAS INCREAS-INGLY FELT IT WOULD ACT TO ACCELERATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE RIGHT BANK OF THE RIVER - AN AREA OF HIGH RAINFALL IN SAY ARRONDISSEMENT, WITH RELATIVELY UNDERUTILIZED SOIL AND PASTURE RESERVES. WE ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT LYONS STUDY WILL SHOW THAT PROPOSED ROAD IS A MUCH MORE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE PROJECT THAN FORESEEN IN WILBUR SMITH STUDY, ESPECIALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERESTING AREA DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES.

2. IN MEANTIME SINCE PRESIDENT DIORI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SOON HEAR FROM SAMAKE, I CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT GON BE INFORMED OF FUNDING PROBLEM. DOUBT WHETHER PRESIDENT DIORI WILL LINK DECISION ON ROAD WITH PAO INCIDENT.

3. WHILE CHANCES FOR FUNDING ROAD NEXT YEAR ARE APPARENTLY
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NIL, I WOULD NEVERTHELESS EXPECT THAT AID AWAIT OUTCOME OF

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LYONS STUDY BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION ON PROJECT. IN
EVENT DECISION IS MADE NOT TO FUND ROAD, GIVEN OUR ASSOCIA-
TION WITH PROJECT OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I BELIEVE WE HAVE
SOME OBLIGATION TO ASSIST NIGER-UPPER VOLTA IN THIS MATTER AND
TO LEND OUR INFLUENCE IN FINDING OTHER DONORS.
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